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SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY IN CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF TRADE
REPRESENTATIVES

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1. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE HOUSEHOLD GOODS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES TEMPORARILY ARE ADMITTED DUTY FREE UNDER SECTION 148.52(A) OF THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS (19 CFR 14852(A)) AND ITEM 810.10 OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES IF SUCH ARTICLES WERE ACTUALLY USED ABROAD FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR AND ARE NOT INTENDED FOR ANY OTHER PERSON OR FOR SALE. THE YEAR OF USE NEED NOT BE CONTINUOUS, NOR NEED IT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE THE TIME OF IMPORTATION.

2. THE GRANTING OF DUTY FREE TREATMENT OF OFFTCE
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EQUIPMENT WOULD, HOWEVER, DEPEND ON THE TYPE OF VISA WHICH IS ISSUED TO THE FOREIGN NATIONAL. THERE ARE TWO WAYS UNDER WHICH IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO BE TEMPORARILY IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES DUTY FREE.

A. IF AN INDIVIDUAL ENTERS THE UNITED STATES AS A TREATY

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TRADER WITH AN E-1 VISA, HIS OFFICE EQUIPMENT COULD BE AFFORDED DUTY-FREE TREATMENT.

B. FOR OTHER VISA HOLDERS, OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAY BE TEMPORARILY ADMITTED FREE OF DUTY UNDER BOND BY A FOREIGN NATIONAL FOR ONE YEAR; WITH EXTENSIONS FOR ONE YEAR INTERVALS UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE YEARS, AS "TOOLS OF THE TRADE" UNDER SECTION 10.31 OF THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ITEM 864.50 OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES.

HOWEVER, CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED WITHOUT COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VISA STATUS OF THE PERSON AND THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT BEING IMPORTED.

4. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES AND EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM FROM ITS RECORDS THAT ALL REPS OF YUGOSLAVIA TRADING COMPANIES STATIONED IN THE U.S. RECEIVE E-1 VISAS.

5. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CUSTOMS SERVICE GENERALLY ALLOWS THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT OF YUGOSLAVIAN TRADE REPRESENTATIVES TO ENTER DUTY FREE ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO DE JURE REGULATIONS TO THIS EFFECT. CHRISTOPHER

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